

STATE OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Docket No. SJC-53.10

IN RE PHILIP F. CHAPMAN, JR. )

) ORDER AND JUDGMENT  
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WHEREAS, in accordance with order of this Court dated and filed July 28, 1980, the information against respondent attorney in the above-entitled matter, filed May 27, 1980, with order to show cause issued by this Court on May 28, 1980, was properly served on him by first-class mail; and

WHEREAS respondent attorney having failed to plead or otherwise defend, Bar Counsel, by motion dated August 19, 1980, and filed August 21, 1980, applied to this Court for a default judgment against respondent attorney in this matter; and

WHEREAS default was entered against respondent attorney on September 24, 1980; and

WHEREAS Bar Counsel has supplied the affidavit required by Rule 55(b)(4) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure; and

WHEREAS, by order filed September 25, 1980, this Court directed that a hearing be held before this Court on Thursday, October 2, 1980, at the Cumberland County Courthouse, Portland, Maine, at one-thirty o'clock in the afternoon to determine what judgment should be entered against respondent attorney in this matter; and

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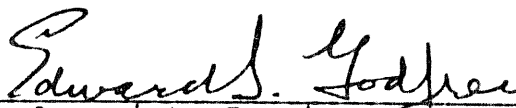
WHEREAS that hearing was duly held at the designated place and time;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Court hereby finds, in default of any pleading, defense, or appearance, that respondent attorney is guilty of misconduct in that he has violated the provisions of Rule 2(c) of the Maine Bar Rules by failing without good cause to respond to lawful and proper inquiries by Bar Counsel.

WHEREFORE, it is ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows: Respondent attorney Philip F. Chapman, Jr., be, and he is hereby, suspended from the practice of law in the State of Maine until such time as he demonstrates to this Court satisfactory compliance with the lawful directives and inquiries of the Board of Overseers of the Bar, the Grievance Commission, and Bar Counsel with respect to the complaints which form the subject matter of the information filed with this Court against respondent on May 27, 1980, and meets such other conditions as may be imposed by this Court for the restoration of his privilege to practice law.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that this judgment shall be effective thirty days after entry, and respondent attorney shall comply with the provisions of section (n) of Rule 7 of the Maine Bar Rules.

Dated: October 3, 1980.

  
Associate Justice

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